

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1418 - SB 1439

March 18, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the State Board of Education (SBE) from including religious doctrine in the curriculum standards for kindergarten through ninth grade (K-9). If curriculum standards in grades K-9 include references to specific religion or the role and importance of religion in history or geography, the SBE shall ensure that the reference does not amount to the teaching of religious doctrine. Requires the SBE to adopt curriculum standards for grades 10 through 12 that teach comparative religion as it relates to history or geography and prohibits the preference of one religion over another.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Curriculum standards will be reviewed by the SBE in the normal course of the standards review process.
- Any fiscal impact on state government to revise existing curriculum standards is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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